

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation amends Idaho Code Chapter 10, Title 46 by the addition of a new section to authorize technical rescue teams, specialty rescue teams, and incident management and support teams to be used by the Bureau of Homeland Security when an emergency has been declared, and to allow cost recovery for the local entities providing the teams. This would make the specialized skills and equipment of these teams available more widely throughout the state. It will formalize agreements between the state and the sponsoring entities, create training standards for the teams, establish credentialing requirements to verify each team's capability, and set out response protocols to streamline response times. Enactment of this legislation would help the state of Idaho and the federal government to meet their goals for disaster preparedness.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be no net impact to the general fund.

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